

Abstract

In a rapid coupling, an end section **20** of a pipe nipple **12** engages in a through-hole **11** of a ~~bush~~ sleeve **10**. A groove **17** provided on the pipe nipple **12** serves to engage a resilient locking ring **23** formed in the ~~bush~~ sleeve **10** in order to lock the coupled state. The locking ring **23** is located in an annular recess **24** formed close to the insertion end **13** of the ~~bush~~ sleeve **10**. If the pipe nipple **12** is not inserted into the bush **10** to such an extent that the locking ring **23** latches in the groove **17**, the pipe nipple **12** is pushed outward by a compression spring **19** provided in the through-hole **11** of the ~~bush~~ sleeve **10**, so that the groove **17** is readily visible outside the ~~bush~~ sleeve **10**. The groove **17** thus serves not only for locking in the properly coupled state but also as an indicator for indicating a state which is not properly coupled.